

Amendment No. 1 to HB2522

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 2549**

**House Bill No. 2522\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapter 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) As used in this section, "educator" means any person who is currently employed at any public or private elementary or secondary school in this state:

(1) As a teacher with an active teaching license; or

(2) As a school counselor.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a court shall not require an educator to be a witness in any civil hearing, deposition, mediation, arbitration, trial, or other similar proceeding involving a domestic dispute matter, including, but not limited to, domestic abuse, as defined by § 36-3-601, divorce, parentage, or child custody, if the educator is not a named party and the educator's attendance would require the educator to be absent from teaching, counseling, or supervisory duties in a school, unless the court determines that the educator's attendance is necessary to ensure fairness in the hearing, mediation, arbitration, trial, or other similar matter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.